

## JUVENILES SUSPECTED OF ROBBERY

**MONEY TAKEN FROM  
SAUNDERS STREET STORE**

**Two Boys Were in Lloyd Colter's Store—Money was Missed Soon Afterward.**

A rather daring theft was made Thursday afternoon from the cash drawer of the store at present owned by Lloyd Colter on Saunders street. This store, previously owned and operated by Thomas Fulton was purchased last October by the present owner and is situated on Saunders street a short distance above York. Mr. Colter keeps his money in a drawer just under the counter and as there was no bell on it it was comparatively easy for the thieves to open it without attracting any attention.

On the afternoon of the robbery two young boys of ages about 12 and 14 respectively entered the shop and asked for an article for which the proprietor had to go to an adjoining room at the back of the store. They concluded their purchase and went out. A short time after Mr. Colter opened the drawer and found that a pouch containing between \$15 and \$18 in silver was missing. From the time the money was last seen until it was missed only five persons were in the place and at no time was the proprietor out of it except when the boys were in.

The names of the boys are known to Mr. Colter and the matter is now in the hands of the police. It is expected that before long there will be some developments in the case and the thieves will be brought to justice.

### Children's Aid.

The following contributions not previously acknowledged here have been received by the Treasurer of the Children's Aid Society:—Mrs. G. W. Hodge, \$5.00; Robert Scott, \$7.50.

### Police Court.

One drunk was taken by the police last night and another man was given protection on his own request. The drunk was allowed his freedom on payment of the usual fine.

### Spending Easter Vacation.

Miss Marion Gibson, who has been teaching school in Campbellton is spending her Easter holidays with her mother Mrs. Ida Gibson, Waterloo Row.

### Campaign Closed.

The Forward Movement Spiritual Campaign in the George Street Baptist church closed last night, with a grand service. The meetings have been very successful. During the week nine more candidates were received for baptism and many others professed conversion.

### Condition Improved.

The many friends of Miss Jean Campbell, who lately underwent a serious operation at the Victoria Hospital at the hands of Dr. Vernon Coffyn, will be glad to learn that there is a marked improvement in her condition. Her appetite has returned and she expects to return to her home in a short time.

### French Short Courses.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture has arranged short courses in French for the County of Madawaska. They will be given April 7th to 13th at Baker Lake, St. Francis and St. Leonard's. Two days will be spent at each place. The lecturers will be F. G. Richard of the Dominion Seed Branch, A. A. LeBlanc of Moncton, S. Martin of Chatham and Ben Gallant of Sussex.

### Foulger-Hovey.

A quiet wedding took place at the Brunswick Street Baptist parsonage on Wednesday last, when Rev. G. C. Warren united in marriage Arthur James Foulger of this city and Mrs. Minnie Brown Hovey of Doaktown. The groom is a returned soldier. He enlisted in January 1917, in the 8th Field Ambulance, and spent nearly two years and a half overseas. The happy couple will make their home in the city.

### Tea at Kirk.

On Thursday afternoon a high tea was held in the Fraser Memorial Hall by the ladies of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. A sale of fancy work, aprons, candy and novelties was held in the auditorium of the new annex and tea was served in the gymnasium. The decorations were Easter novelties and potted plants. Altogether this was a very successful affair, upwards of \$250.00 being realized.

## DORCUS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY JURY THURS.

**WITNESSES FOR DEFENCE  
WERE CONTRADICTORY**

**Jury Were Out Only Twenty-five Minutes—Two Questions Given by Judge Wilson.**

Thursday afternoon witnessed the conclusion of the trial of James Dorcus, locomotive fireman, of the C. N. R. when the prisoner was pronounced "not guilty" by the jury after less than one half hour's deliberation. This man was the only one of over a dozen taken on similar charges who pleaded not guilty. All the others with the exception of this fireman and William Grant, the driver of the engine of which Dorcus was fireman, were charged with stealing. Dorcus was charged with receiving stolen liquor at his first hearing in the Police Court and the jury brought in a true bill on the second court only of the indictment and thus the charge against Dorcus was also of receiving stolen property.

The case began on Tuesday and occupied the better part of two and a half days. The prosecution, conducted by H. G. Fenety for the Crown and R. B. Hanson K. C., for the C. N. R., called several witnesses all of whom, with the exception of Conductor Joseph Meade and Hunter are at present serving sentences of six months each at the County Jail.

### Witnesses for Defence.

P. J. Hughes began the defence Thursday after the noon recess and called only one witness besides the prisoner himself. This witness was Theodore Ryan, a telegraph operator, who was acting as agent in his brother's place at Napadogan on the night of the robbery. Both these men made good appearances on the stand and the prosecution was unable to shake their stories during the rigid cross-examination. Dorcus absolutely denied the evidence given against him by his alleged accomplices and Ryan did much the same.

### Two Questions.

In charging the jury, His Honor Judge Wilson gave them two questions for consideration:—"Did the prisoner have the liquor in his possession? If so, did he know that the liquor was stolen?"

The jury was out only twenty-five minutes and at the end of that time returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

William Grant, the driver, is to come up before Police Magistrate

## ASSESSMENT RATE FOR 1920 ABOUT \$2.64

**LITTLE PROSPECT OF  
BEING LOWER THAN THAT**

**One Million in New Valuation Expected to be Obtained—Enormous School Increases.**

It is now considered probable that the assessment rate of the City of Fredericton for 1920 will be about \$2.64 on the hundred. The valuation for 1919 was \$7,175,708. It is believed that increased valuation to the amount of \$1,000,000 can be found this year which would make a total valuation of \$8,175,708. The assessment as fixed by the City Council on Monday night last is \$215,000, the largest amount in the history of the City. To produce that amount with additions for five percent cash discount and losses which probably will be balanced by special taxes—the polls, bank and insurance taxes, etc., there will have to be a rate very near \$2.64. It is probable that it would be slightly in excess of that when the lower rate on outside property is taken into consideration. At the present time this is only an estimate and the exact rate will not be known until midsummer but making an estimate from what information can be had at the present time it is believed that that figure is not far astray.

### Heavy School Increase

A considerable increase in assessment to take care of the first of the serial bonds for permanent paving was expected, but so heavy an increase in assessment for school purposes has surprised the citizens. In 1918 the school assessment totalled \$44,684 and this year the School Board is asking for \$71,865. In two years the increase has been about \$27,000. For the decade the increase in school assessment had been 260 percent, a fact of which many citizens do not seem to be aware. In 1910 the assessment for the support of schools was about \$30,000. The increase in expenditure of schools is about ten times the increase in school attendance as the percentage of increase in attendance since 1910 has been about

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Limerick on Tuesday for sentence.

The only other case on the docket of the County Court is a civil case, that of Dora Hanson V. Elizabeth Coburn. Court adjourned till 2.30 p. m. April 9th.

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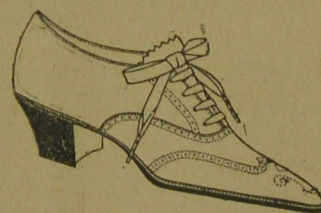
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